

There were hundreds of young Democrats here yesterday from all parts of the state, and today there will be hundreds more. Despite this building program, and it will progress today, too.

## WEATHER REPORT

TULSA, Feb. 21.—The temperature: Maximum 75, minimum 35. South winds and clear.  
FORECAST.—Oklahoma: Tuesday unsettled, colder; Wednesday fair.

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PASS TWO BILLS  
AND THE SOLONS  
STOP SESSION

Late Last Night Oklahoma Lawmakers Adjourn Sine Die.

REGISTRATION AND  
USURY ACTS PASSED

Opponents Force Compromise in Passing Election Measures.

## BULLETIN:

Special to The World.  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 21.—After cleaning up a few minor matters the legislature adjourned sine die tonight. The most important business was finished before recess at 6 o'clock. A number of measures that had been introduced in both houses were left unfinished, but nothing of an important nature.

(By Staff Correspondent.)  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 21.—Standpat Democrats in the house who had voted against the registration law because of what they considered unfair methods in the process of registration, and the czar-like power of the registration officer, won out today when amendments were put in the law eliminating most of the objectionable features. Then they voted for the bill and placed the emergency on it, the emergency vote being 69 to 20. The vote revealed the full Democratic strength. The usury bill also was completed in the senate with a few amendments, which were concurred in by the house, and the usury bill also was passed finally. Thus ended what promised to be a deadlock that might have taken days to break.

The amendments to the registration law were not pleasant in some respects to the members of the senate, but were adopted with verbal protest, and the bill finally received the unanimous vote of the senate, with the exception of Senators Watrous, Republican, and Wilson of Dewey, Socialist.

**Governor Takes a Hand.**  
The amendments were proposed after Governor Williams made a visit to the legislative halls this afternoon and talked with members of the house. One provides that all voters who are qualified and did vote at the election of November, 1914, would be permitted to vote without registration under the plan proposed by the new law, and that precinct lists of the voters would be conclusive evidence of the qualification. This would relieve such voters from registering again. It also is provided that any person claiming to be a qualified voter who is refused registration by the registrar may go into court and seek mandamus action to compel the registering officer to register the voter. This may be taken to the district court and finally to the supreme court. Another amendment exempts the registration from purely school district elections. Preparations had been made to bring in all the members, even to bringing Representative Rollins from the hospital, where he has smallpox. Caucuses were held several times today by the house leaders, but it was finally seen that it would be impossible to put the emergency registration bill through unless some concessions were made to those Democrats who had stood out against the measure on account of the arbitrary power it conferred upon registration officers.

**Force a Compromise.**  
After a caucus held this afternoon, in which the situation was made plain, the amendments explained, were offered as drafted by a number of the house leaders. When they were discussed the standpat Democrats were shown that the radicals admitted they were defeated, then the truce was declared. It was not until this that the 14 conservatives, who believed that the amendments eliminated practically all of their sole objections, agreed to vote for the emergency.

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Girl Goes to  
Jail With Her  
Convict Lover

Special to The World.  
WHITEHALL, Ill., Feb. 21.—John Clegha, alias J. J. Scott, was arrested here January 7 and was accompanied to jail by his sweetheart, Etta Martin, the latter being released soon after. She left town saying she was going to Oklahoma. Clegha escaped from the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., August 18, 1915, and has been here since the following September, under the protection of his sister, Mrs. Harry Couchman. The Oklahoma authorities traced him to Whitehall under the name of J. J. Scott, and the Greene county authorities were advised to use great precaution in taking the man. He was serving a life sentence for murder. However, no trouble was experienced by Sheriff Edwards of Greene county and a posse in taking him.  
The Oklahoma authorities met Sheriff Edwards and the prisoner at East St. Louis.

Today, America Solemnly Celebrates  
Anniversary of George Washington

Washington's close identification with the early history of our country during his entire life is without a parallel in the history of men and nations. Of all the great and good men our country has produced, he, whom the gallant Lee aptly called "The Father of His Country," stands foremost in the eyes of our own people, and in the estimation of mankind. The whole world is filled with his glory, and even after the moons of a century have come and gone, the radiance of his glorious character shines with lustre the ages cannot dim. Let all men study the life and character of this truly wonderful man. Let him ever be cited as a model for all who aspire to fame, for their initiation in every duty which adorns and dignifies distinguished men.

CROSSLAND QUIT;  
EVERS APPOINTED

County Attorney Gives Up Office to Engage in Private Practice.

**NO POLITICS IN IT**  
George Reeves Becomes an Able Assistant to the New Official.

WHEN County Attorney Ed Crossland laid his resignation before the board of county commissioners yesterday a general shakeup in the office resulted. Assistant County Attorney J. P. Evers was appointed to



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succeed Crossland, while George Reeves, one of Tulsa's most prominent attorneys, was appointed to fill the vacancy made by the appointment of Mr. Evers.  
Mr. Crossland's resignation came as

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THRIFT URGED BY  
NOTED EDUCATORS

"Personal Preparedness for a Useful Life" Is One Request.

**OKLAHOMAN SPEAKS**

State Superintendent Wilson on Program of Superintendent.

DETROIT, Feb. 21.—State superintendents of public instruction, college professors, principals and business men joined in a discussion of the subject "thrift" at a meeting tonight of the national council of education. The council is one of 21 bodies allied with the National Education Association, which are to hold sessions in Detroit this week.

S. W. Straus, a Chicago banker, who is president of the American Society for Thrift, dealt with the problem in a general sense, while more than half a dozen other speakers discussed various angles of the same subject.

"Individual preparedness" was the keynote of Mr. Straus' address. "The most vital question in America today is individual preparedness," he said. "Not individual preparedness for war, but individual preparedness for anything that may come—individual preparedness to live useful, steadfast lives for the benefit of humanity and posterity."

Mr. Straus declared that although the United States is a prosperous nation "we are not a prosperous people." He backed up his assertion with the declaration that one person out of every ten who dies in any of the large cities is buried in a potter's field.

**Not Many Save Money.**  
"Statistics show that in the United States there are only 108 who save money out of every one thousand population," he added. "This compares with 554 in Switzerland." The only way to lay the foundation

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BANK RESOURCES SHOW GAIN.  
Two Billion Dollars More Than Same Period a Year Ago.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Total resources of all the national banks in the United States which reported to the comptroller of the currency December 31, 1915, aggregated \$13,467,887,223, an increase during the year of about \$2,110,000,000. There were \$7,607 banks reporting as compared with 7,581 in December, 1914. The increase over November 10, 1915, amounted to \$231,000,000.  
Deposits at the end of last year reached a total of \$10,379,000,000, an increase in the year of about \$2,163,600,000, and an increase over November, 1915, of about \$225,000,000. Loans and discounts in the year increased about \$1,010,000,000, and over November, 1915, about \$123,000,000.  
Special holding by the national banks increased in the 12 months \$154,000,000.

DEMOCRATS TO  
OPEN MEETING  
THIS MORNING

State League Will Hold Annual Convention in Tulsa Today.

SPIRITED CONTEST  
ON FOR PRESIDENT

Henry (Pat) Murphy Opposed for Secretary; Capshaw Strong.

FIFTEEN hundred visitors are expected to be in Tulsa today to attend the annual convention of the Young Men's League of Democratic Clubs of Oklahoma, which opens in convention hall this morning at 9 o'clock.

The city was alive with early arrivals last night. Interest centered in the candidacy of Harry Wood of Muskogee and Fred (Bink) Capshaw of Claremore for president. Much "trading" was in progress and every incoming delegate was met by representatives of both candidates. It was apparent that one of the liveliest fights in the history of the organization would come up today over the election of a titular head of the league. Each side claimed victory and it was difficult for one to judge as to which was in the lead although the fact that Tulsa county is solid for Capshaw would indicate that the Claremore man might win out.

The McIntosh county delegation, 115 strong, arrived at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, accompanied by a twenty-piece band.

Muskogee county's special train will arrive over the Midland Valley this morning at 8:30 o'clock. In the neighborhood of three hundred delegates will be on board, as well as a band, which will be led by Perry Miller, the jovial ex-mayor of Muskogee. A score or more of the advance guard from Muskogee got in last night and proceeded to "whoop her up" for Wood.

**Shawnee After Convention**  
The Okmulgee contingent of 41 delegates arrived in a special car early last evening, while the Oklahoma City crowd came in at 2 o'clock. They spent the night in their special Pullman.

Shawnee, a leading contender for the 1917 convention, reached town at 6:30 o'clock last night, and their brass band gave a concert in front of Hotel Tulsa. Enroute to the city the band was told to play "The Star-Spangled Banner" for the state reformatory at Granite.

The cities that will have the largest delegations are Tulsa, Muskogee, Shawnee, Lawton, McAlester, Pawhuska, Norman, Oklahoma City, Claremore, Nowata, Collinsville, Sapulpa, Pawnee, Stigler, Bartlesville and Vinita.

Allen Street, president of the league, announced that the convention position would be called to order this forenoon at 9 o'clock. Rev. L. S. Barton will offer the invocation. Judge Lee Daniel will deliver the address of welcome, which will be responded to by Horace Hogan, of Oklahoma City. Then will follow the appointment of committee, followed by the regular order of business and adjournment for lunch at 12 o'clock.

The convention will reconvene at 1:30 o'clock. The elevation of officers will be the principal order of business. Following the selection of the next meeting place adjournment will occur.

**Banquet Tonight.**  
The annual banquet will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at the Mecca cafe, next door to Hotel Tulsa. A large vacant room next door to the Mecca will be used for this function.

George E. Reeves, president of the Tulsa county club, and newly appointed assistant county attorney, will be the toastmaster. Nat Lizon of Tulsa will respond to the toast. "Welcome." E. D. Howard of Tulsa, state auditor, will speak on "Democratic Finance and Taxation." The retiring president, Allen Street, and the newly elected president, are on the program for addresses, while E. P. Marshall of this city will speak on "Young Democracy." Streeter Speakman of Chandler, the closing speaker, has been assigned the subject, "The League."

There will be 250 plates at the banquet.

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OF THE PULLING POWER  
OF WORLD WANT ADS

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FOR RENT—One 5-room modern house, on South Victor, phone 3333 or 5151.

One insertion of the two small

## World Want Ads

above shown secured tenants for both pieces of property.  
Are you having trouble in getting desirable tenants for your property? Try the above method. We will guarantee you results.

## "Woodrow Wilson—February 22, 1916"

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 21.—Owen Wister, the distinguished author, today gave out the following poem:

Not even if I possessed your twist in speech,  
Could I make any "fit for use" fit you,  
You've wormed yourself beyond description's reach  
Truth, if she touched you would become untrue.  
Satire has seared a host of evil fames,  
Has withered emperors by her fierce lampoons,  
History has lashes that have flayed the names  
Of public cowards, hypocrites, poltroons,  
Go, go, Immune, eased in your self esteem,  
The next world cannot scathe you, nor can this,  
No fact can stab through your complacent dream,  
Nor present laughter, nor the future hiss,  
But, if its father did this land control,  
Dead Washington would wake and blast your soul.

ORPET IS HELD TO  
LET GRAND JURY ACT

Wisconsin University Student Must Account for Girl's Death.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—William Orpet, University of Wisconsin Junior, was held to the grand jury today in connection with the death of his former sweetheart, Marion Frances Lambert, on recommendation by a coroner's jury. The verdict follows: "We, the jurors sworn to inquire into the death of Marion Lambert on oath, find that she came to her death by cyanide of potassium poisoning and we recommend that William H. Orpet be held to the grand jury of Lake county until discharged by due process of law."

Orpet is twenty years old and Miss Lambert, a high school pupil, was seventeen.  
A liaison existed between the two, according to Orpet's story to detectives. It appeared from letters introduced into the case that the girl feared approaching motherhood. Orpet, after arranging an alibi to make it appear that he had not left Madison, Wis., visited Miss Lambert at Lake Forest, a suburb, two weeks ago. The next day her body was found.

APPROPRIATE \$20,000  
FOR REFORM SCHOOL

One of the Last Acts of the Legislature Is to Give Granite Some Money.

Special to The World.  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 21.—One of the last acts of the lower house of the legislature tonight was the passage of the bill appropriating \$20,000 for the state reformatory at Granite. The bill had been passed by the senate. Representative McCollister and Senator Carpenter represented the districts in which Granite is located and they took the same position in the house. However, after the registration bill had been amended in the house and passed today, the reformatory appropriation bill was taken up and passed finally.

BRISTOW IN NEED  
OF RENTAL HOMES

Special to The World.  
BRISTOW, Okla., Feb. 21.—While compiling the census of this town for the purpose of getting out a city directory, T. B. Gibson says that there are but three empty houses in the town and that if the families were divided up as they should be and one family put in each dwelling, the town would have to be at least another hundred houses built. In many instances he found that two and three families live in one dwelling and in one case he found five families living in one residence of six rooms. Owing to the scarcity of dwellings property owners who have houses for rent can get almost any price. A modern four and five room cottage will rent for \$15 to \$25. It is stated that a company is to be formed which will erect a number of houses this summer for rental purposes.

MURDERED A JUNK DEALER?  
Frank J. Tracey Arrested in Iowa for Killing Bostonian.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—Frank J. Tracey, whom the police here charge with the murder of Samuel Cohen, a junk dealer, on May 29, has been arrested at Fort Madison, Iowa, according to a telegram received today at police headquarters. Requisition papers will be forwarded at once.  
Delevan J. Rogers, who also is said to have been concerned in the killing, was arrested in Jersey City on June 6 and is now awaiting trial.  
Cohen was killed in the basement of a house on West Springfield street, where he had been called to look over some junk. The police obtained an account of the shooting from Morris Taltel, another junk man, who claimed that Tracey and Rogers induced both him and Cohen to enter the cellar, where they locked him in a closet while Cohen was attacked and robbed. The body of Cohen was found buried in the cellar.

TAKE BIG STRIDE  
IN DEFENSE PLANS

House Military Committee Reaches Agreement on the Army Bill.

## SOON BE COMPLETE

Present Outline Provides for Complete Federalization of Militia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The national preparedness legislation took a long step forward in congress today when the house military committee reached a practical agreement on the outline of the army bill it will unanimously present for passage. Chairman Hay was authorized to frame the measure, which is a compromise for the continental army plan advocated by former Secretary Garrison and President Wilson.  
Complete federalization of the national guard will be substituted for the proposed continentals and the White House was informed during the day that the committee was a unit in supporting the plan, only the language and minor details remaining to be worked out. The measure will grant virtually the entire program mapped out by Secretary Garrison for the regular army, and go even further than he recommended in providing for reserve military supplies. A total peace strength of 575,000 men in the standing army and the guard combined will be provided for, with reserve systems to more than double the force in war. The expenditure for the whole establishment this year is roughly estimated at \$174,000,000 exclusive of Panama canal defenses, carried in another bill, proposals for additional military schools in all states, carried in the McKellar bill, favorably reported today by the committee with an appropriation of \$3,440,000 for this purpose, and whatever may later be decided upon in carrying out a scheme to foster the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen in the United States, giving the country its own supply of ingredients for explosives. The first year of the Garrison plan would have called for a total expenditure of \$182,000,000.

## Up to Wilson Next.

Whether the new bill will be acceptable to President Wilson has not been indicated, but the committee believes its plan will override every objection to the substitution of the national guard for the continentals, and that congress has full legal authority for its accomplishment.

The bill also will authorize the increase of the regular army to a total peace strength of 147,000 by adding ten regiments of infantry, four regiments of field artillery, fifty-two companies of coast artillery, fifteen companies of engineers and four aero squadrons. This is the exact regular army program mapped out by former Secretary Garrison. It represents a concession by Chairman Hay, who urged previously reaching the same total strength by recruiting present

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Boy Tells How  
Oklahoma City  
Police Chastise

Special to The World.  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 21.—The story of Loren Wilson, the boy who told of how he was beaten by members of the police for a third degree method of getting a confession from him concerning alleged theft, discloses an occurrence the like of which has never before been heard of here. Wilson was arrested one day last week on a charge of theft. The boy says he was beaten with a rope, knocked over his head with a revolver, and a telegram received today at police headquarters. Requisition papers will be forwarded at once.  
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CONGRESSIONAL  
PROBE OF ARMY  
AERIAL CORPS

Arkansas Senator Successful in Fight on President Officers.

DECLARES DEATHS  
DUE TO NEGLIGENCE

Several Lost Lives When Forced to Fly in Broken Down Machine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The senate military committee voted today to recommend an investigation of the army aviation service by congress. The decision was reached after Senator Robinson, who had introduced a resolution for such an investigation, submitted further evidence to support his charges of general inefficiency.

Senator Robinson produced before the committee last week photographic copies of letters alleged to have passed between Lieut. Col. Samuel Reber, head of the aviation service, and Capt. Arthur S. Cowan, in charge of the San Diego station, which the senator said revealed that the service was "contemptibly inefficient." In his supplementary statement today he declared that of about 24 officers who had qualified as fliers, 15 had been killed, several losing their lives because "they were required to attempt flights in antiquated biplanes known to be defective."

An inquiry into the aviation service, which will proceed independent of congressional action, already has been ordered by the war department.

## Only Twenty-four Fliers.

"The inefficiency and unsatisfactory results of the present management of the aviation section," said Senator Robinson in his statement to the committee today, "is disclosed by the fact that during eight years, or about that, in which the signal corps has had control of aviation, only about 24 qualified fliers with the military rating have been produced. While the statement was made before the house committee on military affairs that there are now 46 officers who are qualified as fliers and who are attached to the aviation section, I believe that there are only about 24."

"Very few of the so-called 'qualified fliers' have ever done military work or even seen from an airplane a field gun fired. Only one or two have maneuvered in aeroplanes with bombs attached to it for use. The service has no bombs, no bomb-sighting device, no method of mounting a gun on an aeroplane, nor has a gun ever been fired from an aeroplane. We have no armored aeroplanes and the machines on hand are not efficient enough for flying duty."

## Sixty-five Per Cent Killed.

"During the eight years above referred to, which have netted only about 24 qualified fliers, there have occurred 17 deaths in connection with military aviation. 15 officers having been killed. The other two cases embrace the death of one soldier and one civilian. Thus approximately 65 per cent as many officers have been killed as there are now officer-pilots on aviation duty."

"Of the above mentioned 15 officers who have been killed, eight of them have died in flights at the North Island station near San Diego. Six of these aviators were killed within ten months, and it is believed that an investigation will disclose that they were required to attempt flights in antiquated biplanes, known to be defective and dangerous. Following the death of Lieut. H. B. Post in 1914 four of these machines were burned. It is believed an investigation will disclose that other injuries were due to the use of unsafe machines and that in some cases, where warnings had been given that the machines were unsafe, officers who were required to fly in them were, in some instances, injured, and others killed."

## Beachey Protested.

"It is a well-known fact that a short time before Lincoln Beachey was killed he visited this station and pronounced it outrageously defective in equipment and management, and that he communicated his opinion to a higher grade which came to the knowledge of the war department."

"The first company, Second Aero Squadron, now in the Philippines, prior to February 1, 1916, had no aeroplanes. I am informed that four have been ordered and that two have been or will soon be shipped. The first company, Second Aero Squadron in the Philippines consists of six officer-pilots. There are no other flier organizations. There are two qualified officer-pilots instructing students at the aviation school and two are studying aeronautics in Boston."

"The dangers connected with aviation at this stage of its development when surrounded by every safeguard which mechanical skill and scientific knowledge and due precaution can secure, are so great that only the ambitious and daring are prompted to undertake to master it. I will not use words to characterize a system, as that prevailing in our service, where incompetence and indifference have added to the dangers inherent in aviation through an unskillful, unsentient, negligent and corrupt control."